GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5809
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PAY SCALE OF GROUP `B` ACCOUNTS OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pay scale of Group 'B' posts of Accounts Officers,Asstt. Personal Officers, Private Secretaries, Vice Principals, Asstt. Hindi Officers were Rs. 2000-3500 to 2375-3750 since 1993;

(a) if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether pay scale of any of the categories had been given on the pattern of posts under other Ministries;

(c) if so, whether scale of such categories was revised in other ministries since 1993;

(d) whether the Group 'B' of Railways have been denied the said benefits; and

(e) if so, the details of all such posts alongwith the reasons for not granting the revised pay to them since 1993 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b) Pay Scales for Group 'B'posts on Zonal Railways & Production Units were revised from Rs.2000- 3500 (all Departments) / Rs.2375-3500 (Accounts Deptt.) to Rs.2375-3750 with effect from 30.7.1993. The above revision was effected in compliance of the directions contained in order dated 30.7.93 of Hon'ble CAT/New Delhi inO.A.No.731/87 (Northern Railway Class IIOfficers' Association Vs. UOI) which was upheld by Hon'ble Supreme Court.There are no Group 'B' posts of Vice Principals in the Railway Schools.

(c) Yes Sir. Prior to revision in 1993, the pay scale of Accounts Officers was on the pattern of pay scales adopted for Indian Audit and Accounts Department.

(d) There was no revision of pay scales for such categories in other Ministries between the years 1993 and 1996. However, the pay scale of certain similar posts had been revised w.e.f.1.1.96 on the basis of recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission.

(e)&(f) Group 'B' (Gazetted) posts in Railway Board (Ministry of Railways) and Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO), Lucknowwere not given the revised scale of Rs.2375-3750 effective from 1993 for the reason that they were / are on the pattern of Central Secretariat Services. In case of RDSO, however, the revised pay scale has been provisionally granted arising out of Court decision. Presently two court cases are pending in this connection before Hon'ble High Court/ Delhi and, as such, the matter is subjudice.